

## Message Text

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R 100330Z AUG 74

FM AMEMBASSY VIENTIANE

TO SECSTATE WASHDC 0335

INFO AMEMBASSY BANGKOK

AMEMBASSY PARIS

AMEMBASSY PHNOM PENH

AMEMBASSY SAIGON

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E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: PFOR, PGOV, LA

SUBJECT: GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN ANNOUNCES PATHET LAO  
MINISTER WILL BE ACTING PRIME MINISTER

1. AT REGULAR MONTHLY PRESS CONFERENCE AUGUST 9, GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN OUDAY SOUVANNAVONG ANNOUNCED THAT PRIME MINISTER SOUVANNA HAD SIGNED A DECREE ON AUGUST 8 DESIGNATING LAO PATRIOTIC FRONT DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER PHOUMI VONGVICHIT TO BE ACTING PRIME MINISTER. OUDAY NOTED THAT BOTH SIDES MUST STILL CONSULT WITH ONE ANOTHER AND THAT GOVERNMENTAL DECISIONS MUST STILL BE REACHED UNANIMOUSLY. HE ADDED THAT, BEFORE PHOUMI CAN SIGN ANY OFFICIAL DOCUMENT, IT MUST BE INITIALLED FIRST BY VIENTIANE SIDE DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER LEUAM INSISIENGMAI.

2. DURING QUESTION AND ANSWER PERIOD, OUDAY STATED THAT SOUVANNA WILL DEPART LAOS BEFORE THE END OF AUGUST FOR RE-CUPERATION ABROAD. HE WILL BE ACCOMPANIED BY HEALTH MINISTER, DR. KHAMPHAI ABHAY, AND PRESUMABLY WILL BE GOING TO FRANCE.

3. OUDAY STATED THAT THE ASSIGNMENT OF NEW LAO AMBASSADORS-  
DESIGNATE TO PHNOM PENH AND SAIGON WAS POSTPONED UNTIL LAO  
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FOREIGN POLICY VIS-A-VIS CAMBODIA AND SAIGON IS CLARIFIED.

4. QUERIED ABOUT THE RLG REACTION TO PRESIDENT'S RESIGNATION,  
OUDAY STATED THAT THE ANNOUNCEMENT CAME AFTER YESTERDAY'S  
CABINET MEETING AND THUS RLG HAS NO OFFICIAL REACTIONS YET.  
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